

Médoc & Haut-Médoc

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by Steven Spurrier. These are the unsung wines of the Left Bank, producing wines with good colour and fruit, generally from a little over 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, the rest mostly Merlot. Experience (many of the Medoc estates are in their third or fourth generation) and hard work has paid off to produce some good wines.

Chateau Belle-Vue 2006



Deep colour, rich blackcurranty fruit, really good ripeness for the vintage, fine new oak blended in, plummy, classy wine, impressive. 2010-18.

Chateau Sociando-Mallet 2006



Intense colour, big cassis concentration, lots of good oak, still a raw edge, but a very serious wine and will be impressive. 2012-20.

Chateau Villegorge 2006



Big ripe, plummy fruit, none of the 2006 asperity and not over-extracted. Good characterful wine. 2010-16.

Chateau Charmail 2006



Good deep sturdy Medoc, quite meaty St Estephe style. 2011-18.

Chateau Citran 2006



Deep colour, concentrated blackcurrants, fresh and fruity, not much flesh but quite elegant and will need time to absorb the greenish tannins. 2011-18.

Chateau Haut-Madrac 2006



Good fragrance and fruit in the light supple style, good northern Medoc. 2010-15.

Chateau Beaumont 2006



Lively blackcurrants on the nose and nicely balanced ripe fruit, clear and clean, quite forward. 2010-16.